



Wolverine Rangers Epitaph



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★ Captain's Corner ★

Howdy pards,

Lefty Dutchman is one of our regular Canadian shooters who comes to Range War just about every year. Lefty came up to me at the end of the Banquet and Awards Presentation last year at Range War and suggested that I should come to Canada and shoot one of their matches. We have a significant number of Canadian shooters who participate in Range War every year and I agreed that it was time I went to shoot with the Canadians. I attended the SASS Central Canadian Regional over the weekend of July 14th and 15th.

Obviously my initial hesitation and I am sure that of most shooters from the U.S., is the concern about taking guns and ammo across the border into Canada. I have to say that actually the process was very easy. Lefty put me in contact with Ms. Karen Amon, the Chief Firearms Officer of the Chief Firearms Office of Toronto. She was extremely helpful and she was also very nice. She really tried to make the process easy and it was. She sent me copies of all of the required documentation and I had no problems of any kind.

As part of the registration process for the match, Lady Smith sent me the confirmation for my registration as well as an information sheet with important information about bringing firearms into Canada from the U.S. One thing that I did not do was to click on the link to review the information about storing, transporting and displaying firearms in Canada. (See the accompanying Information Letter entitled "Bringing Firearms to Canada from the U.S.") I followed the U.S. laws and had my 4 firearms in locked cases but I did not have trigger locks on the handguns which I later found out is a requirement. (See the attached screen shot from the Royal Mounted

Police about Storing, Transporting and Displaying Firearms.) Fortunately for me, the customs agent who checked my Rugers did not raise an issue about the lack of trigger guards and I passed through customs with no issues. Frankly, all of the customs people were very nice and the process of making it through customs was very easy. I talked to one of the customs agents about Cowboy Action Shooting and she was very interested hearing about it.

There are a couple of rules that I had a hard time understanding when I got to the Range. It turns out that you are supposed to take your hand guns in the locked case to a table near one of the stages and unlock the case and put the guns in your holsters there. You are not supposed to do that standing outside of your car or truck. Needless to say, I put my guns in my holsters while I was unloading my truck and was nicely informed by Crow, the Match Director, that next time I need to take the guns in the locked case to one of the safe tables at one of the stages. After I was done shooting the match, I took my handgun case to one of the safe tables and took off my handguns there and put them in my case and locked it. Not a big deal and even Crow said that some of the rules do not make a lot of sense.

I did not get to shoot the side matches due to my late arrival on side match day. It was a 270 mile drive and it was a little slow near Toronto. We shot ten stages on 4 bays for the match. One large bay had two stages. They actually had 4 bays that were being used and each set of targets was shot twice. This means that they only had 5 sets of targets. For the second go round for each set of targets there would be a new stage written with a different shooting sequence. Actually, that was pretty efficient and it saved a lot of walking.

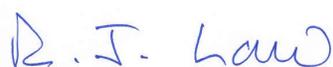
One of the strange rules that they have in the Province of Ontario is that all targets must be “shrouded”. This means that the targets have to be covered so as to prevent a ricochet from deflecting from the target and killing someone in the surrounding community. Frankly, I would like to see the supporting evidence for that rule. The way that they handled this was to have a roof over a series of targets or at least a wooded covering over all of the targets. This was not a big problem and the Club handled this well.

One of the other rules is that all targets, including shot gun targets, must be at least 10 meters from the shooting line. This means that all targets had to be at a minimum of about 33 feet away. Bring your heavier shot gun loads. I did pretty well with Winchester extra-lite but I did hit a couple of targets head on and they did not go down the first time. One of the benefits of the targets being farther away is that it forced me to aim and to use my front sight. Obviously that is a good habit to get into.

All in all I had a very good time and I will be going back. Barrie, Ontario is a very nice town and all of the people were very nice. I really enjoyed the people on my posse. Hopefully I will be able to bring The Lady the next time.

That is about all that I have for now. Have fun, shoot clean and stay safe.

Best regards,



R.J. Law – Captain

Bringing Firearms to Canada from the U.S.

1. Register for the match. Keep copies of the registration form and acceptance letter.
2. Make sure your passport is valid, or apply for one.
3. For instructions on completing the required forms, follow the instructions at <http://www.losttarget.com/firearmcanada.html>.
4. For information on storing, transporting and displaying firearms in Canada, go to <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/storage-entreposage-eng.htm>.
5. Contact Karen Amon at the Chief Firearms Office 1-800-731-4000 x7549. She can answer any questions you may have. She will also be the person to issue the Authorization to Transport (ATT) for all the restricted firearms. Send all the forms to Karen requests via fax 1-705-330-4298 or email at karen.amon@opp.ca or as she directs.



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Storing, Transporting and Displaying Firearms

Be Safe! Prevent Firearms Accidents!

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It is important to store, transport and display firearms safely to prevent accidents and deter loss or theft.

These rules apply to individuals. There are different rules for businesses.

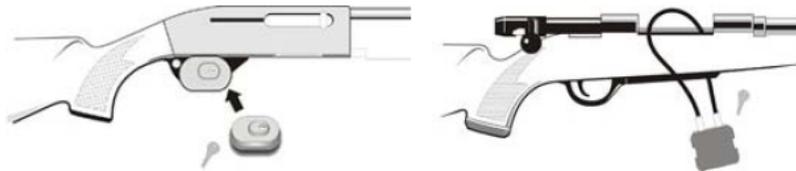
Storing Firearms Safely

Unload and lock your firearms!

Store the **ammunition** separately or lock it up. It can be stored in the same locked container as the firearms.

Non-restricted firearms

- Attach a secure locking device, such as a trigger lock or cable lock (or remove the bolt) so the firearms cannot be fired; **or**



- Lock the firearms in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into.

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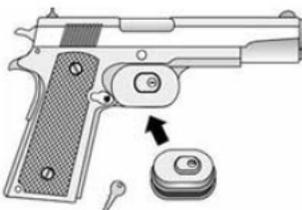
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Restricted and prohibited firearms

- Attach a secure locking device so the firearms cannot be fired **and** lock them in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into; **or**



- Lock the firearms in a vault, safe or room that was built or modified specifically to store firearms safely.
- For automatic firearms, also remove the bolts or bolt carriers (if removable) and lock them in a separate room that is difficult to break into.

Transporting Firearms Safely

Non-restricted firearms

Non-restricted firearms must be unloaded during transportation.

Restricted and prohibited firearms

- **Unload** the firearms; **and**
- Attach **secure locking devices** to the firearms; **and**
- Lock the firearms in a sturdy, non-transparent container; **and**
- Remove the bolts or bolt carriers from any automatic firearms (if removable).
- Obtain an Authorization to Transport (call 1-800-731-4000).

Leaving Any Class of Firearm in an Unattended Vehicle

- Lock non-restricted firearms and locked containers carrying restricted or prohibited firearms in the trunk or in a similar lockable compartment.
- If the vehicle does not have a trunk or lockable compartment, put firearms and firearm containers out of sight inside the vehicle and lock the vehicle.
- If you are in a remote wilderness area and cannot lock your non-restricted firearms inside your vehicle, unload them and put them out of sight. Attach a secure locking device to the firearms unless they are needed for predator control.



Displaying Firearms Safely

Unload and lock your firearms!

Here are the rules for displaying firearms in your home: **Ammunition** cannot be displayed with, or accessible to, the firearms.

Non-restricted firearms

- Attach secure locking devices to the firearms; **or**
- Lock the firearms in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into.



Restricted and prohibited firearms

- Attach secure locking devices to the firearms; **and**
- Securely attach them to something that cannot be moved.
- For automatic firearms, also remove the bolts or bolt carriers (if removable) and lock them in a separate room that is difficult to break into.

Some rules may be different for firearms displayed away from home – for example, at a gun show. Contact the RCMP Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) for more information.

Information

For more information, or to report a public safety concern, [contact the CFP](#).

Remember

- Don't forget to renew your firearms licence before it expires.
- Contact the CFP within 30 days if your address changes.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/storage-entreposage-eng.htm>[7/20/2017 6:04:29 PM]

Storing, Transporting and Displaying Firearms - Royal Canadian Mounted Police



This fact sheet is intended to provide general information. For legal references, please refer to the [Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations](#). Provincial, territorial and municipal laws, regulations and policies may also apply.

★ Shooting News ★

Rocky River Regulators of DSC (Utica)

Well it was a beautiful day in July for our April Wild Bunch match. The April match was rained out and the rescheduled date was perfect. Since Rocky River is generally very warm in July and August we donned our Wolverine Rangers Range War T-shirts to try to stay cool. That was the only thing cool as the competition was hot and furious. When the final shot went down range Camptown was the overall and SASS Modern winner over J. J. Longley by 2.29 seconds. Winning the SASS Traditional category was Attica Jack and winning our local Wild Bunch Open Class was J.C. Wade. Shooting clean matches were J.J. Longley and John Weston.

On July 16th we had 31 cowboys and cowgirls brave the heat and shoot our regular monthly cowboy match. Once again that WRRW T-shirt was perfect cowboy attire. After lunch was served and Camptown read the scores it was announced that J.J. Longley was the overall winner followed closely by Wildcat Maverick and Poco Loco. Shooting clean matches were the following: Wildcat Maverick, Poco Loco, Mr. Beerbelly Willie, Coyote Claxton, Attica Jack, Big Bad Jim, Andy Horshurodi-

non, No Name, Nine Finger Bob, Ramblin Ron, and Catlow.

Our next Wild Bunch match is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. This is a Wild Bunch T-shirt match. This is a make up date for another rained out Wild Bunch match. Coyote Claxton, DSC Wild Bunch guru sets up a true Wild Bunch match NOT a Cowboy Action match with a 1911. Every one needs to come out and give this a try. If you don't have all the right guns; no problem, just bring any semi-auto that shoots lead bullets and your cowboy rifle and shotgun. Give it a try!

Our next Cowboy Action Match is scheduled for Sunday, August 20th. This is a Cowboy T-shirt match.

See you on the range.
J.J. Longley

Butcher Butte Bunch - Fenton

It was pretty quiet around the little cow town of Butcher Butte on July 9. The sounds of old-west firearms and cowboys and cowgirls having a good time were absent from the range. Our July match was cancelled due to the conflict with the two-day shoot up in Saginaw. But we're ready to get back at it again in a

couple weeks. We hope you'll come on out and join us on August 13.

*Longshot
Lillian*

The Eagleville Cowboys - Central Lake

The Eagleville Cowboys monthly July shoot was on July 22nd. We were missing several Cowboys and Cowgirls and our 'stage writer', but he, Tin Pan Sam, had prepared the 6 stages and sent them ahead of time, what a guy.

We were all pretty well soaked from the humidity and heat, but all persevered.. A first time shooter had been here for the last 2 months to observe, and he obviously observed very well, and he and we were pleased with his performance.

When the smoke cleared, the following came

out on top of their category:

Sil. Sr. - Faygo Kid, Cowboy - Cowgirl Killer, Sr. - Atlanta Sharp, Gr. Patron - One Son of a Gun, Wrangler - Bar Gun Hunter, Sr. - Bulldog Jim, Catl. Brn - Trusty Rusty, Ladies Sil. Sr. - Elenor Jewel, Sr. Dulest - Petoskey Pete, L. Sr. - Buckeye Juice, Sr. Dulest - Monty Morency (first time shooter!) Eldr Stsman - Rancher Roy. One clean shooter was Bar Gun Hunter.

Were looking forward to see Y'All down at Range War!!

One Son of a Gun

Hidden Valley Cowboys - Sturgis

It was a wonderful day for shooting! We had 36 shooters. The match results are late this month due to some computer issues that have been fixed Thanks to everyone who joined us!!

Like to thank Sauk Trail Mike and Triple Threat for writing this month's stages and running the set up. Also for those who helped set up: Blackthorne Billy, Diamond Jim, Gram-paw Willie, Indy Bootlegger, Ka Adik Krista and Naughty Nellie.

Thank you also to Ka Adik Krista and Tommy Two Fingers for bringing and serving lunch

today. Ka Adik made her famous Baked Beans, Tommy smoked the chicken legs and thighs and we had some fresh fruit for dessert. YUMMY!

Our next shoot will be August 20th, registration opens at 8:15 AM, side shoots start at 8:30 AM, and the mandatory safety meeting starts at 9:45 AM, preceding the main match.



Straight Shots from Saginaw

It seems like every year the summer goes by faster and faster, and that means we just have to enjoy each day to the fullest and make lots of great memories. For example, Saginaw's 2-day shooting event. Our shooters were just the nicest folks you'd ever want to shoot with... all 36 of them each day. Of course, the big targets were up, luring shooters to give it their best and fastest shots and on Saturday we had 14 shoot clean.



When Sunday rolled around, the shooters were greeted by even BIGGER targets than the day before. Call it a blessing for some shooters...well, 26 out of 36 to be exact, which figured out to a whopping 72% clean shooters. And for some who never, ever had a clean match, Saginaw helped make a great memory for this summer. Scores are on the W.R. webpage, but you just had to be there in person for the memory-making laughter, screw-ups, clouds of black powder, great food, fun and fellowship. And the campers at the lakeside enjoyed the free camping and we all enjoyed the great shooting weather.

On July 15th, 1st. Lieutenant, Bad River Marty, filled in for R.J. Law at the Wolverine Rangers Annual Membership meeting at Sucker Creek. It was a fun day of shooting, lunch, a quick meeting, clean match winners



awarded their plaques, and the special drawings. Clean Match winners were Split Aces, Hey Sugar and Longshot Lillian. The drawing winners for the \$200 each were Avalanche Andy and Shiloh Red. Card Shark Charlie and Doc Noper were drawn for the 2017 Range War free entries. Congratulations to all these pards!

We're looking forward to making more memories as the summer winds down at our Saturday, August 26th match. It's a great time to warm-up and familiarize yourself with scenarios from the upcoming State Shoot. And we hope many will be attending Range War, Sept. 1-3rd. Deuce always does a good job as our Match Director and it's the perfect place to add in more memories before summer finally fades and snowflakes fly.

Until next time, live life. Give it your best shot!

Bad River Marty & Katie Callahan

The Shooter's Stance

The way things used to be

If you're somewhat new to the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting, you may not be aware of the way things used to be. Talk to someone who's been involved in the sport for a number of years, and you'll find out that the sport has evolved quite a bit. It seems that the sport is now more about how fast you can shoot, rather than how much fun you can have. Don't get me wrong, it IS a fun sport...but what has happened to the "re-enacting" part of this game?

In talking with some "old-timers", I have heard stories about shooting from astride a

"horse", shooting from inside of a stagecoach while it was being jostled around by fellow shooters, and any number of fun, interactive and challenging scenarios. It's sad that we seem to have more or less, lost our history of this sport. Now days, it's rare at most clubs that props are even used and there is little movement from one location to another. If and when they are, it seems that this throw-back to the old days is met with grumbles of dissent.

So, what exactly did happen to the way things used to be?

Editor's Corner

The Great Train Robbery

On Saturday, July 22, 2017 there was a Great Train Robbery on the Coopersville & Marne Railway. Yes, the little towns of Coopersville and Marne located west of Grand Rapids, Michigan were the scenes of a Great Train Robbery. Actually, the train was robbed twice that day.

At about 10:30 in the morning and again at about 1:30 in the afternoon the engine was chugging along pulling three passenger cars. The cars were fully occupied. Most of the occupants were children accompanied by their parents. There were, however, a few "dance hall" girls on the train as well.

As the train was making its way between Coopersville and Marne it was attacked by a group of desperados who had been laying in wait for the train to appear. A few shots were fired by the bandits, but the train did not slow down and managed to escape unscathed.



The bandits were undeterred. They all hopped into their four wheeled horses and made a hasty trip to the end of the line in Marne.

While the engine was uncoupled and being moved to the other end of the group of passenger cars for the return trip, the desperados once again attacked the train. There was nothing the passengers could do as there was no engine attached.

But wait. As it turns out the sheriff and a few deputies were also on the train. The lawmen disembarked from the train and a large gun battle took place. The fighting lasted for 15 to 20 minutes during which time many gun shots were fired by both the robbers and the lawmen. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt during the battle. The robbers were heard to say things like "If it ain't dirty, it ain't fun" and "I have saddle sores tougher than you". Eventually the lawmen were able to chase off the wannabe thieves who once again mounted



their trusty four wheeled steeds.

On the return trip from Marne to Coopersville the train was again attacked by the robbers. This time the train was successfully stopped and the robbers boarded the train—two to

each car. They quickly went through the cars relieving the passengers of the valuables they had purchased prior to the train trip. All the cash and most of the jewelry were taken by the robbers. It was later found out that the cash consisted mostly of \$27.00 and \$143.00 bills. The jewelry was described by some of those who had been looted as being very valuable plastic necklaces, bracelets and rings. The total value of the stolen items is yet to be determined.

Unknown to the robbers, the sheriff and deputies were still on board and the robbers were hustled off the train. A short gun battle ensued and the robbers were captured and thrown into the nearby jail which strangely resembled a horse trailer.

But, unknown to the lawmen, they had failed to capture the gang's leader who quickly broke the gang out of jail. Upon escaping all the outlaws and the lawmen stopped to take a bow toward the train and its passengers who were giving the actors a round of applause. Thereafter, the robbers approached the train and returned much of the loot they had gathered and "high-fived" many of the younger passengers.

The lack of serious injury on either side was found to be the result of someone inadvertently loading all the revolvers with blanks.

Article submitted by Outrider Outlaw--one of the robbers.

☆ WHO TO CONTACT ☆

CAPTAIN

- Any Wolverine Ranger or Range War Concerns

RANGE WAR MATCH DIRECTOR

- Volunteer to help with Range War
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☆ CONTACT INFORMATION ☆

*Check the website or back of wall calendar for club contact information
Please keep your e-mail address current with the Membership Secretary*

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